

## Payment for Reservation of Beds

## In a Nursing Facility:

Indiana Medicaid will reimburse for reserving beds for Medicaid recipients at one-half the per diem rate provided that the criteria (below) set out in 405 IAC 1-6-19(b)(3)(A) or (B) are met.

## (A) Hospitalization

- (i) Hospitalization must be ordered by the physician for treatment of an acute condition that cannot be treated in a nursing facility.
- (ii) The total length of time allowed for payment of a reserved bed for a single hospital stay is 15 days. If the recipient requires hospitalization longer than the 15 consecutive days, he must be discharged from the nursing facility.

## (B) Therapeutic Leaves of Absence

- (i) A leave of absence must be for therapeutic reasons, as prescribed by the attending physician and as indicated in the recipient's plan of care.
- (ii) The total length of time allotted for therapeutic leaves from a nursing facility in any calendar year is 30 days, except in the case of a recipient requiring a skilled level of care, which is limited to 18 days. The leave days need not be consecutive.

## In an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR):

Medicaid reimbursement is available for reserving beds in an ICF/MR for Medicaid recipients at one-half the regular per diem rate, under the following conditions set out in 405 IAC 1-6-7:

- (1) Hospitalization must be ordered by the physician for treatment of an acute condition that cannot be treated in the facility. The total length of time allowed for payment of a reserved bed for a single hospital stay shall be fifteen days. If the recipient requires hospitalization for longer than fifteen consecutive days, the recipient must be discharged from the facility.
- (2) A leave of absence must be for therapeutic reasons, as prescribed by the attending physician and as indicated in the recipient's habilitation plan. The total length of time allotted for therapeutic leaves in any calendar year shall be sixty days per recipient residing in an ICF/MR. The leave days need not be consecutive. If the recipient is absent for more than sixty days per year, no further Medicaid reimbursement shall be available for reserving a bed for that recipient in that year. A physician's order for the hospitalization or therapeutic leave must be maintained in the recipient's file at the facility.

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## Payment for Reservation of Beds (continued)

## In a Psychiatric Hospital:

Medicaid reimbursement is available for reserving beds in a psychiatric hospital (and not in a general acute care hospital) for Medicaid recipients at one-half the regular per diem rate under the following criteria set out in 405 IAC 1-6-9(m):

- (1) Hospitalization is ordered by the physician for treatment of an acute condition that cannot be treated in the facility.
- (2) The total length of time allowed for payment of a reserved bed for a single hospital stay is fifteen days. If the recipient requires hospitalization longer than fifteen consecutive days, the recipient must be discharged from the facility.
- (3) A physician's order for the hospitalization must be maintained in the recipient's file at the facility.

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Although it is not mandatory for providers to reserve beds, Medicaid will reimburse for reserving nursing facility beds for hospice recipients at one half (1/2) the room and board payment, provided that the criteria (below) set out in 405 IAC 5-34-12 are met.

- (A) Hospitalization must be ordered by the hospice physician for treatment of an acute condition that cannot be treated in the nursing facility by the hospice provider. The total length of time allowed for payment of a reserved bed for a single hospital stay is fifteen (15) days.
- (B) A leave of absence must be for therapeutic reasons, as prescribed by the attending hospice physician and as indicated in the recipient's plan of care. The total length of time allotted for therapeutic leave in any calendar year is limited to eighteen (18) days, which need not be consecutive.
- (C) Although prior authorization by the office is not required to reserve a bed, the hospice recipient's physician's order for the hospitalization or leave must be on file in the nursing facility.

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